

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Johan van de Groenendaal et al.  
Serial No.: 10/786,863  
Filing Date: February 24, 2004  
Confirmation No.: 3676  
Group Art Unit: 2167  
Examiner: Pham, Michael  
Title: **RELATIONAL MODEL FOR MANAGEMENT  
INFORMATION IN NETWORK DEVICES**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2007 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections in view of the following comments set forth below.